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MARY GIBSON SCOTT TO MANAGE GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK IN WYOMING



Mary Gibson-Scott

DENVER – Mary Gibson Scott, a 23-year veteran of the National Park Service, has been named superintendent of Grand Teton National Park. The selection was announced on March 16, by Steve Martin, director of the National Park Service's Intermountain Region.

Scott is expected to be on duty at Grand Teton National Park on May 2. She assumes the position formerly held by Steve Martin, who in August 2003, was appointed as the director for the National Park Service's Intermountain Region.

"I am excited and honored to have been selected as superintendent of Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller Jr., Memorial Parkway," Scott said. "I look forward to working with the community and the dedicated park staff to continue their great work in caring for this tremendous resource."

Scott is currently serving as the superintendent at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico. In her capacity, Scott manages 104 permanent and seasonal employees and a budget of \$5.3 million. Scott also provides administrative support for national park units throughout New Mexico and Texas. She is the co-chair of the National Park Foundation Superintendent's Council and Chairperson of the Chihuahuan Desert Inventory and Monitoring Network, which supports eleven national park areas.

"I am exceptionally pleased that Mary has accepted this challenging position," said regional director Martin. "Mary will bring enormous institutional knowledge as well as extensive experience in bringing all voices together to turn environmental and energy conflicts into sound solutions."

Prior to assuming her position as superintendent at Carlsbad Caverns, Scott was deputy superintendent at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in California. There, Scott was responsible for the day-to-day management of the park, a staff of 330, and a budget of more than \$17 million. Scott has also served as acting general superintendent of Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ) and superintendent of the Staten Island Unit of Gateway National

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Recreation Area. While at Gateway, Scott brought a new national park unit into the system -- Fort Wadsworth, for which she received Congressional recognition. She also completed a special assignment regarding security measures at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Prior to moving to Gateway, Scott held the position of deputy assistant regional director for the former Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, where she was responsible for numerous planning and development projects in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. She was also project manager at the Denver Service Center, with assignments including the Blue Ridge Parkway (VA). Scott has also served as chief of interpretation at Channel Islands National Park (CA).

Scott began her career with the National Park Service in 1980 as a planner at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in southern California. During her time at Santa Monica Mountains, Scott performed land use management planning throughout the 150,000-acre park, managed the NPS involvement in the 1984 summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, assisted in planning and developing the park's trail system, and participated in a major trail design project at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas.

Scott holds a bachelor's degree in design and a master's degree in architecture and urban planning from the University of California at Los Angeles. In 2000, Scott successfully competed for placement in the federal government's Senior Executive Service candidate program, and graduated in April 2001. Scott has also held positions with the Department of Justice's U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California, and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department. Her husband, Roger, also works for the National Park Service. The Scotts enjoy life with their yellow Labrador, Smokey, and share interest in hiking, art, music, and cooking.

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